



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

**ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**  
330 C Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201

March 14, 2019

Sent via email: Macarter@equityfwd.org

Re: ACF FOIA 18-F-0152

Dear Ms. Carter:

This is a partial response pertaining to Case No. 18-cv-01509 filed June 26, 2018, relating to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request 18-F-0152. FOIA request 18-F-0152 requested communications to or from Scott Lloyd and numerous individuals listed in the enclosed request.

The Office of Refugee Resettlement conducted a thorough search of their files and located the enclosed 53 pages. Information is being released in full on 40 pages and disclosed in part on 13 pages pursuant to FOIA Exemption b(6). Approximately 52 additional pages originated with the Department ("HHS") and are being sent to them for consultation and returned to the ACF for final release determination.

Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) permits a Federal agency to withhold information and records about individuals in "personnel and medical files and similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwanted invasion of personal privacy." The definition of "similar files" has historically been broadly interpreted to include a wide variety of files, and the United States Supreme Court has held that Congress intended the term "similar files" to be interpreted broadly, rather than narrowly. I have analyzed these records and find they meet the threshold requirement of this exemption. In this case, the withheld information consists of predominantly cell phone number of federal employees and the personal information of civilians. Additionally, I have reviewed and weighed the public interest in disclosure of this information against the privacy interest in nondisclosure, and found that the privacy interest outweighs the public's interest in disclosure.

ACF will continue to review and make partial releases of the remaining portions of this request.

Sincerely yours,

**Carla C.**

**Smith -S**

Celeste Smith

Director, Freedom of Information Office

Office of Communications

Administration for Children and Families

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Washington, D.C.

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Enclosures

<b>To:</b>	"Susan Yoshihara <susan@c-fam.org>"
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: Meeting with Sisters of Life
<b>Date:</b>	2018/04/09 19:12:59
<b>Priority:</b>	Normal
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See you tomorrow,  
Scott

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"Susan Yoshihara" <susan@c-fam.org>wrote:

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<b>Sent Date:</b>	2018/04/09 19:12:59
<b>Message Flags:</b>	Unsent

<b>To:</b>	"tim.saccoccia@kofc.org"
<b>CC:</b>	"Stromberg, Leah (HHS/OGC) </o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=a1ffc7cb0c9c407781406eb8bf38b4aa-Carliner, L>"; "Dees, Karena (HHS/OGC) </o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=f9bd9acb471f4800949957b743ee50d9-Dees, Karen>"; "Goldin, Arthur (HHS/OGC/ETHICS) </o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=702cd923b2504e178a54d6bcb3ca7aba-Goldin, Art>"
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<b>Date:</b>	2018/12/04 15:49:01
<b>Importance:</b>	High
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Tim,

Forgive me—I am recused from discussing this matter (or any official matter) with you as a former Knights employee for two years after employment. As I am settling in to my new role, I am getting used to how this works with the Partnership Center's outreach and coordination efforts, and had this wrong in my mind. I re-reviewed the relevant ethical guidelines with our ethics department and realized the email below is out-of-bounds. Please do not respond.

I will discuss with Shannon and our ethics team how to properly coordinate situations where the Knights might be involved in something that I am working on. Until you hear from the Partnership Center on the proper channel, anything that you'd like to bring before the Department should be through Shannon or Laura.

Many thanks,  
Scott

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**From:** Lloyd, Scott (ACF)  
**Sent:** Friday, November 30, 2018 9:52 AM  
**To:** 'tim.saccoccia@kofc.org' <tim.saccoccia@kofc.org>  
**Subject:** PR

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Susan

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**Subject:** Event flyer

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<b>Date:</b>	2018/11/30 09:51:00
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<b>Date:</b>	2018/04/06 11:35:00
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**From:** Lisa Correnti [mailto:lisa@c-fam.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 19, 2018 10:48 AM  
**To:** Lloyd, Scott (ACF)  
**Subject:** Speaker Invite

Dear Scott,

Attached please find an invite letter and draft agenda for an anti-trafficking briefing on May 17 in Washington DC at the Russell Senate bldg.

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<b>Date:</b>	2018/05/08 10:24:58
<b>Priority:</b>	Normal
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Scott,

Thanks so much for passing it on. I appreciate your help with this.  
Wish you all the best with the important work you are doing.

Blessings,  
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**HALF-DAY EVENT ON THE HILL – DRAFT**

**May 17, 2018**

**12:00 – 4:00 pm**

**Russell Senate Bldg – Room 485**

**Welcome and Introduction - LUNCH OFFERED**

**Opening Remarks** - Senator James Lankford and Rep. Chris Smith

**Panel 1 - The Problem – Moderated by**

Laura Lederer, J.D. – What Does the Research Tell Us - CONFIRMED

Tanya Street- Survivor, member President's Natl Advisory Council on Trafficking)- CONFIRMED

Dr. Donna Harrison (Ob-Gyn, President, AAPLOG) – CONFIRMED

Dr. Yaro Garcia (Florida Gulf Coast University clinical psychologist) - CONFIRMED

**Panel 2 – Provider Perspective/Case Studies – Moderated by**

Hilary Chester, USCCB, (INVITED)

Hope Green, Survivor and Service Provider - CONFIRMED

Dean Nelson, Pastor, and Consultant, Human Coalition - CONFIRMED

Cynthia Collins, Speaking Hope - CONFIRMED

**Panel 3 - The Way Forward: Double Panel – Moderated by**

Chuck Donovan, President, Charlotte Lozier Institute (INVITED)

Bette McDowell, Heartbeat International, TIP Training Pregnancy Resource Centers CONFIRMED

Clydette Powell, Board member, CMDA - CONFIRMED

Marlene Carlson, Survivor and Service Provider – CONFIRMED

**Panel 3 Part 2 – Government Panel – Moderated by**

Valerie Huber, HHS – Preventing Trafficking by Training Teens to Avoid Sexually Risky Behavior and Predatory Relationships (INVITED)

Scott Lloyd, ORR, HHS – Programs to Address Abortion and Trafficking on the Border (INVITED)

William Wubbenhorst – Integrating Anti-Trafficking Programming into FYSB (Family Youth Service Bureau Programs) (INVITED)

Michele Bekkering, - Bureau of Economic Growth, Education, and Environment (E3) (INVITED)

**Closing Remarks**

**Date: May 17th**

**Time of Day: 12:00 - 4:00 pm**

**Name of Event: Human Trafficking and Women's and Children's Health Issues**

**Point of Contact/Email/Phone: Laura J. Lederer 703 919 6828**

**Type of event: Briefing**

**Food or drink: Lunch, Coffee, Tea and Dessert**

**Number of Attendees: 100**

**Full Event Description:**

Human trafficking impacts all aspects of the victim's health, but especially reproductive, procreative, and other women's health issues. In one study, 71.2% of females got pregnant at least once while being trafficking; 21.2% reported five or more pregnancies while being trafficked. Of those, 54.7% had at least one miscarriage; 29.7% had multiple miscarriages. Similarly, 55.2% had at least one abortion while 29.2% reported multiple abortions while being trafficked. 67.3% contracted an STD; 63.8% reported gynecological problems such as pelvic inflammatory disease (PID), infertility, and other serious gynecological problems. In addition, many serious communicable diseases affect women being trafficking, including hepatitis, and tuberculosis. In one recent case, out of 125 women and children apprehended in a raid on 13 brothels owned by the same trafficker, over 75% of them tested positive for TB. Finally, studies indicate that thousands of children are born into trafficking in the U.S. today. While there is little research on this problem, the negative physical, mental and emotional repercussions for such children are considerable and deserve further attention.

**Co-Sponsors – All Co-Sponsors are Pro-Life, Anti Trafficking NGOs (Confirmed):**

**Global Centurion**

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**Center Against Forced Abortion**

**Operation Outcry**

**The Charles and Mary Crossed Foundation**

**Feminists Choosing Life of New York**

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**Human Coalition**

**USCCB**

**Catholic Charities**







E. Scott Lloyd  
Director  
Office of Refugee Resettlement  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201

April 19, 2018

Dear Scott,

Together with the anti-trafficking organization Global Centurion we extend an invitation to you to participate in a briefing that examines the health consequences of women and girls who are victims of trafficking and prostitution. Additionally, panelists will present on best practices to arm and protect women and girls from being vulnerable to trafficking.

The briefing is scheduled from 12:00pm to 4:00pm on May 17, 2018 in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office building. We are grateful to Sen. Lankford for making this event possible where we hope to educate staffers and advocates. Several anti-trafficking organizations will participate both as panelists and as co-sponsoring organizations.

We have reserved the fourth panel to hear from experts from the Trump administration to inform on policy and programs that assist women and girls both domestically and internationally. We invite you to present on the vulnerability of unaccompanied minors in falling prey to traffickers and U.S. government programs that protect these children while waiting to be united with family.

More information on the event can be found in the accompanying draft agenda.

We hope you will accept this invitation. We look forward to a fruitful discussion.

Best regards,

Lisa Correnti  
Executive Vice President

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Scott,

Attached is the event flyer. Since all govt reps are pending they are not listed. As well we are hoping Sen. Lankford will make opening remarks. It is a half day event but of course we would only expect you for your panel which is scheduled for 3pm.

Best regards,

Lisa

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# Trafficking and Women's and Children's Health: Intervention, Recovery and Prevention

**May 17, 2018  
12 PM - 4 PM  
Russell Senate  
Building SR-485**

*Trafficking and sexual exploitation is a gross violation of human rights inflicting great harm to women and girls. Experts will examine the health impact as well as treatment and prevention programs to safeguard at risk women and children.*

## **SPEAKERS:**

**Tanya Street**, Survivor, Member, President's National Advisory Council on Trafficking

**Dr. Donna Harrison**, Ob-Gyn, President, AAPLOG

**Dr. Yaro Garcia**, Clinical Psychologist, Florida Gulf Coast University

**Hope Green**, Survivor and Service Provider

**Dean Nelson**, Pastor, National Outreach Director, Human Coalition

**Cynthia Collins**, Founder, Speak Hope

**Chuck Donovan**, President, Charlotte Lozier Institute

**Betty McDowell**, Heartbeat International, TIP Training Pregnancy Resource Centers

**Marlene Carlson**, Survivor and Service Provider

**Laura Lederer, J.D.**, President, Global Centurion Foundation

*Box lunch served at 12 PM*

## **ORGANIZERS:**

Global Centurion Foundation  
Center for Family and Human Rights (C-Fam)

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Scott,

Mother (b)(6) would like to meet with you when you come Tuesday. I don't know your travel schedule but are you able to meet before the event - at their convent or at Holy Family across the street from the UN?

Thanks,

Susan Yoshihara

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Scott -

That's great. I let them know and also that you need to be at the UN by 0930. Will get back to you on the time and place.

Susan

On Apr 6, 2018 at 11:35, <[Scott \(Acf\) Lloyd](#)>wrote:

Hi Susan,

I'd love to meet with Mother (b)(6) I will be there before the event, so that should be no problem.

I am pretty flexible with place and time as I will be arriving in the city the night before.

Just let me know!

God bless,

Scott

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**From:** Susan [mailto:susan@c-fam.org]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 05, 2018 10:10 PM

**To:** Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

**Subject:** Meeting with Sisters of Life

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Thank you, Scott.

On Apr 20, 2018, at 11:00 AM, Lloyd, Scott (ACF) <[Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov)>wrote:

Hi Lisa,

Thank you for the invite. I will see if this is possible and get back to you.

Scott

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**From:** Lisa Correnti [<mailto:lisa@c-fam.org>]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 19, 2018 10:48 AM

**To:** Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

**Subject:** Speaker Invite

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Dear Scott,

Attached please find an invite letter and draft agenda for an anti-trafficking briefing on May 17 in Washington DC at the Russell Senate bldg.

We invite you to present on the vulnerability of unaccompanied minors in falling prey to traffickers and U.S. government programs that protect these children while waiting to be united with family. Your panel will begin at 3pm.

Please see attached for more information. Happy to discuss by phone.

Best regards,

Lisa

Lisa Correnti

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**Cc:** Scott Lloyd (b)(6)@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** NVDaily - full page ad vs. PGK Scott

In case you haven't heard yet, there was a full page ad in today's Northern Virginia Daily blaming PGK Scott Lloyd for the family separations at the border. I've attached a picture. The website also calls out LegalWorks, WitnessWorks, KofC, and the Front Royal Pregnancy Center.

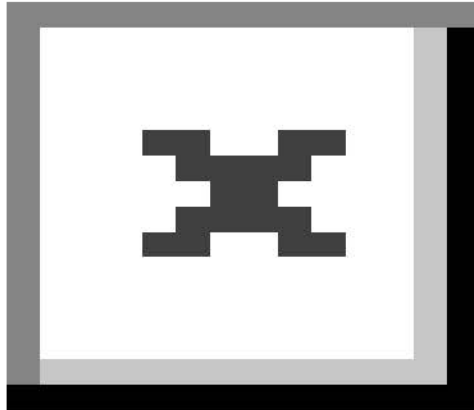
I pray this doesn't go further than words in the newspaper, but there are people out there listening when Maxine Waters says things like, "Let's make sure we show up wherever we have to show up. And if you see anybody from that Cabinet in a restaurant, in a department store, at a gasoline station, you get out and you create a crowd. And you push back on them. And you tell them they're not welcome anymore, anywhere. We've got to get the children connected to their parents."

I don't know what we can do to help, but as Knights, neighbors, and friends, regardless of the politics, we should be ready to support Scott and his family. Scott, please don't hesitate to reach out and let us know what would (or wouldn't) help.



Those of us who live in Happy Creek Knolls might also want to be a little extra vigilant.

--Bill



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**To:** Powers, Mary (ACF)

**Subject:** Afternoon Pulse, presented by PhRMA: Anti-abortion Trump appointee faces influx of migrant children — Trump reorganization would reshape HHS — Obamacare rate hikes bring headaches to GOP

By Adriel Bettelheim | 06/21/2018 02:06 PM EDT

*With help from Sarah Karlin-Smith and Paul Demko*

### **ANTI-ABORTION TRUMP APPOINTEE FACES INFLUX OF MIGRANT CHILDREN:**

The Trump administration's "zero-tolerance" border enforcement policy is raising fresh questions about whether HHS' Office of Refugee Resettlement has the experience or resources to care for more than 2,300 children scattered in shelters across the nation.

The office's director, Scott Lloyd, has little background working with refugees and already ignited controversy for intervening to prevent undocumented minors from obtaining abortions. He's now confronted with an influx of migrant children who are quickly filling the agency's privately contracted shelters, and ORR has faced charges that it has failed to adequately vet and monitor contractors in charge of the shelters that have racked up dozens of violations.

Read more from Pro's Adam Cancryn and Renuka Rayasam [here](#).

**SWEEPING TRUMP REORGANIZATION WOULD BRING CHANGES TO HHS:** The 132-page proposal issued Thursday calls for shrinking federal agencies, selling assets and reorganizing the way the government delivers services.

HHS would be renamed the Department of Health and Public Welfare and pick up several public assistance programs now overseen by the Department of Agriculture, including the \$70 billion Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. The FDA would lose its food safety responsibilities to USDA and get a new name: the Federal Drug Administration. The plan would also trim the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps to a maximum of 4,000 officers, down from more than 6,500.

More from Pro's Rachana Pradhan here.

**Happy Thursday and welcome to Afternoon PULSE**, where we note the end of this article, in which House Agriculture Chairman Mike Conaway questions the wisdom of making HHS bigger. Send tales of "monster agencies" and turf battles to: [abettelheim@politico.com](mailto:abettelheim@politico.com) (@abettel on Twitter).

**BIG OBAMACARE RATE HIKES POSE POLITICAL HEADACHES FOR GOP:**

Republicans in recent campaign cycles capitalized on Obamacare sticker shock to help gain complete control of Congress and the White House. Now, they're likely to be the ones feeling voters' wrath, writes Pro's Paul Demko.

Obamacare premiums are once again poised to spike by double digits in 2019, and Democrats and their allies have been hammering President Donald Trump and congressional Republicans for "sabotaging" the health care markets and driving up costs. Protect Our Care has been running digital ads in 13 states featuring news coverage of big rate hikes and concluding with a sound bite from Trump: "Let Obamacare implode." More here.

**\*\* A message from PhRMA: As a Medicare Part D Cliff looms for seniors, the program's successful structure is also in jeopardy.** Congress can act now to protect seniors from the donut hole suddenly increasing by more than \$1,200, and secure the program for the future by fixing changes that undermine its successful competitive structure. <https://catalyst.phrma.org> \*\*

— **Avalere: Rate hikes in mid-teens for silver plans.** Insurers want to hike premiums for the most popular Obamacare plans by 15 percent next year, according to a new analysis of filings in 10 states and the District of Columbia by Avalere Health. But there are big state-by-state variations in proposals. In Maryland, insurers want jack up premiums for silver plans by more than 50 percent. Other states where Obamacare customers can expect big rate hikes: New York (16 percent), Vermont (23 percent) and Washington (19 percent).

But other states are still seeing modest bumps — or even slight decreases. Insurers plans to increase silver plan rates by no more than 8 percent in Maine, Michigan and Oregon. And in Minnesota, which implemented a reinsurance program this year, insurers plan to lower rates by 5 percent on average. (One caveat: the average across the states isn't weighted by population. So New York is treated the same as Vermont in calculating silver plan increases across all 10 states.)



**FDA PULLS BIOSIMILAR GUIDANCE:** The FDA today withdrew a guidance document on how it would evaluate studies showing how well cheaper versions of brand-name biologics mimic the original products. The agency portrayed the decision as part of efforts to make it less cumbersome to develop biosimilars. The FDA said it is working on new guidance, which will offer "appropriate flexibility" for companies "without compromising the agency's rigorous scientific standards for evaluating marketing applications for biosimilars."

**EU COMMISSIONER HITS TRUMP FOR 'FAKE NEWS' ON DRUG PRICES:** The president's assertion that Europe is freeloading on American pharma innovation by buying drugs at low prices is "absolutely fake news," European Commissioner for Health Vytenis Andriukaitis said.

Medicines are cheaper in Europe than the United States because governments negotiate or regulate drug prices for their entire health system, Andriukaitis told Science Business. These negotiations are mainly done between individual health insurers and drugmakers in the United States. More here.

**\*\*A message from PhRMA:** There's lots of talk about how to change Part D to address affordability and predictability for seniors. But there are right ways and wrong ways to do that. The budget change passed in February was the wrong way, removing incentives experts agree are necessary to drive Part D's successful market-based structure, and potentially jeopardizing the program for the future. One right way is for Congress to address the looming Part D Cliff. In 2020, the donut hole will increase by more than \$1,200, raising out-of-pocket costs for the most vulnerable seniors with significant health care needs. Congress should act now on both of these issues to protect seniors from a sudden spike in out-of-pocket costs in Part D, while securing and strengthening the program for the long-term.<https://catalyst.phrma.org> \*\*

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<https://subscriber.politicopro.com/newsletters/afternoon-pulse/2018/06/anti-abortion-trump-appointee-faces-influx-of-migrant-children-260843>

## Stories from POLITICO Pro

### Meet the anti-abortion Trump appointee taking care of separated kids[Back](#)

By Adam Cancryn and Renuka Rayasam | 06/21/2018 12:23 PM EDT

President Donald Trump's zero-tolerance border enforcement policy has thrust thousands of migrant children into the care of a single health agency led by an anti-abortion crusader with little background in refugee resettlement.

The separation strategy — which Trump moved to reverse Wednesday amid growing furor — is raising fresh questions about whether HHS' Office of Refugee Resettlement has the experience or resources to properly care for and reunify more than 2,300 children scattered in shelters across the nation.

The office's director, Scott Lloyd, has scant experience resettling refugees in a career largely devoted to promoting Catholic causes, including rolling back abortion rights and protecting religious minorities in the Middle East from persecution.

A former attorney at the Knights of Columbus, Lloyd wrote reports to the State Department and Congress about the plight of religious minorities in Iraq, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan. But he had little experience working with and resettling migrants, according to a December 2017 deposition conducted by the American Civil Liberties Union during a court case over the abortion rights of unaccompanied minors.

By contrast, his predecessor Robert Carey, who led the office during the last two years of the Obama administration, had decades of experience managing refugees' issues, including 15 years in resettlement and migration at the International Rescue Committee.

Since Lloyd's appointment last year, he's already ignited controversy for personally stepping in to prevent unaccompanied minors from obtaining abortions — prompting a rash of lawsuits and calls for his firing from Democrats and women's rights organizations.

"What he has taken on is his own personal crusade, and it's an ideological crusade," said Rep. Rosa DeLauro, a Connecticut Democrat who is his chief critic, at the height of the abortion battle in March. "I'm disappointed. More than disappointed. I think Scott Lloyd should be fired."

Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar has steadfastly defended Lloyd, though, telling POLITICO in March that he "absolutely" still had confidence in his ability to run the office.

Azar contended the abortion policy regarding unaccompanied minors in shelters was "not about Mr. Lloyd," but was longstanding policy — a point that women's rights organizations contest.

Lloyd is now overseeing an influx of migrant children that have quickly pushed the agency's privately contracted shelters to near capacity. Trump's abrupt decision Wednesday to halt the family separation policy is likely to complicate matters, putting his agency on the front lines of a reunification effort that immigration experts say will be severely hampered by lack of record-keeping.

"How do they find sponsors for all of these kids now if the logical person to come forward is in jail, or if a family member is too nervous to come forward?" said a former HHS official. "The policy decisions that have been made over the last few months and weeks will have ongoing ramifications for kids in ORR shelters."

The task of caring for and reuniting kids with family members or sponsors is a challenge even under regular circumstances, said Carey, the former ORR director. Now, the influx of very young and traumatized kids, and fast-moving directives from the White House, makes the task more daunting.

Lloyd "doesn't have a particular background in these issues, but that's not unheard for political appointees," Carey said, adding, "the job is certainly a lot easier if you know relevant laws and issues."



Prior to assuming leadership at ORR, Lloyd cofounded the WitnessWorks Foundation for a Culture of Life — an organization dedicated to Catholic teachings and "guided by the principles of our faith" — and worked for years in its legal arm.

At the Knights of Columbus, Lloyd described himself on his resume as the "architect of late-term abortion restrictions" passed by several states, while writing articles about the "Big Abortion" industry.

Lloyd also served in the George W. Bush administration as an attorney at HHS, co-writing the 2008 conscience rule allowing medical providers to refuse contraceptives, abortions and other care on moral grounds.

Even prior to his official appointment at ORR, Lloyd sought to halt abortions among pregnant teens in the agency's care who requested the procedure. The office had previously paid for the procedure when the girl was a victim of rape or incest, but Lloyd overrode that policy by mandating that he needed to personally sign off on all abortion requests - prompting confusion among shelter operators.

In one case early in Lloyd's tenure, a girl who had started a medication abortion by taking one of two pills needed to complete the procedure, had to undergo medical screening to see if it could be reversed, according to court documents.

Other political appointees sharing Lloyd's anti-abortion views have helped implement them in HHS' refugee work. Maggie Wynne, counselor to the HHS secretary, has worked closely with Lloyd to craft ORR's policy of blocking abortions among migrant teens. Wynne, who first joined HHS during the George W. Bush administration, was formerly the director of the House Pro-Life caucus.

Health officials have yet to lay out any plan for reunifying children with their parents, emphasizing instead that the agency's main job is simply to care for those in its custody.

"Immigration policy isn't really what we at HHS do," Azar said Wednesday. "That would be the Department of Homeland Security working with DOJ and the White House. ... If we get kids, the unaccompanied children, we work to take care of them."

Now as thousands more children are put under ORR's watch, the office is facing increasingly intense scrutiny over its vetting of contractors in charge of shelters that in some cases racked up dozens of violations.

Texas officials cited Southwest Key, one of ORR's biggest contractors, for about 250 violations in the past three years — nearly 80 of which were seen as high-risk issues.

Some of the problems cited related to out-of-date staff background checks, but other shelter inspections found far more serious issues.

In a handful of cases, children with injuries weren't seen by doctors or given proper medications. In September 2017, one resident at a Brownsville shelter tested positive for a sexually

transmitted disease but wasn't treated until two weeks later. At another Brownsville shelter, a child sustained a wrist fracture in August 2016 but wasn't seen by a doctor for three days.

Another big contractor, BCFS, a San Antonio-based nonprofit that runs facilities around the globe including emergency shelters and foster homes, is overseeing the construction and operation of the administration's newest shelter for unaccompanied kids — a tent city in Tornillo, about 30 miles from El Paso.

Because the facility is on federal land, it's not subject to state oversight like the other facilities that BCFS operates in Texas. But according to state inspection reports, the nonprofit's six emergency shelter facilities recorded more than 50 deficiencies in the past three years, at least 13 of which were high risk including an incident in which a caregiver used physical violence on a child and another in which a caregiver didn't provide medical assistance for a kid that had vomited twice.

"There is a lot of money in the privatization of this," said Texas state Rep. Mary González, a Democrat who toured the Tornillo facility. "But these are kids' lives that are being capitalized on. Meanwhile we are creating trauma. I would unapologetically describe it as child torture."

Carey said he hopes that Lloyd relies on career ORR staff with expertise to handle the task of reunifying parents with children and finding sponsors for others. For years, he said, the office operated without an ideological bent under both Republican and Democratic administrations.

"I have no insight into [Lloyd's] ideological background other than his statement on access to family planning," said Carey. "I don't know how the reunification of children can become an ideological issue."

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## **Trump's government reorganization would overhaul FDA, NIH**[Back](#)

By Rachana Pradhan | 06/21/2018 01:18 PM EDT

The White House's massive government [reorganization plan](#) released this afternoon, in addition to renaming and reshaping HHS, proposes various changes to other agency divisions, including the FDA, NIH and the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps.

HHS would become the Department of Health and Public Welfare, in charge of several public assistance programs now overseen by the Department of Agriculture, including the \$70 billion Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

HHS should be renamed as a result "to more accurately reflect the mission of the agency and raise the profile of non-health related programs," according to OMB's reorganization plan. HHS already oversees Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, which provides cash assistance to



low-income households, and Medicaid, which provides health coverage for more than 70 million low-income Americans. Under the plan, SNAP, the supplemental nutrition program for Women, Infants and Children, and other food programs would be housed within HHS' Administration for Children and Families.

The plan would also trim the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps to a maximum of 4,000 officers, down from more than 6,500.

FDA would also lose its food safety responsibilities and get a new name: the Federal Drug Administration. Food safety would be consolidated under a new agency at USDA. The Trump administration said this would free up FDA resources to focus on its "core responsibilities" of drugs, devices, biologics and tobacco.

The administration also wants to move three research arms of HHS — the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, and the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research — under NIH's umbrella. The Strategic National Stockpile, a massive repository of drugs designated for a public health emergency, would also be moved from the CDC to the HHS Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response.

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## **Trump federal reorganization plan due to arrive this week**[Back](#)

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The White House is expected to announce as soon as Thursday a wide-ranging government reorganization plan that will include a consolidation of safety-net programs under a rebranded Department of Health and Human Services.

The proposal will recommend renaming HHS the Department of Health and Public Welfare and, as POLITICO [reported](#) earlier this month, would move the \$70 billion food stamp program out of the Department of Agriculture to the new agency, according to two people with knowledge of the plan.

A spokesman for Mick Mulvaney, director of the White House Office of Management and Budget, had no comment.

The changes will be part of a sweeping government reorganization Mulvaney has developed since his confirmation more than a year ago. Some of the proposals will require congressional approval to take effect.

The Trump administration is also seeking to merge the Labor and Education departments, POLITICO reported Wednesday.

Government shakeups can be a heavy political and legislative lift, but they're nothing new. Until a reorganization of agencies in the 1970s, federal social programs were managed by the now-defunct Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The Department of Homeland Security, which combined divisions from 22 different agencies, was stood up after Sept. 11.

Health and Human Services already oversees Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, which provides cash assistance to low-income households, and Medicaid, which offers health coverage for more than 70 million Americans.

The Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank that has deeply influenced Trump's agenda, last year recommended that USDA nutrition programs, including food stamps, nutrition education and school meal programs, be transferred over to HHS.

Any attempt to move departments around is sure to face serious resistance in Congress, where chairmen of committees tend to fiercely oppose giving up jurisdiction over anything.

Moving the food stamp program from USDA to HHS, for example, would be a huge blow to USDA's reach and budget -- something that's not likely to go over well with farm-state lawmakers, in particular. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, as its formally known, represents roughly three quarters of USDA's budget.

House Agriculture Chairman Mike Conaway said late Wednesday he would keep an open mind when reading the White House reorganization report, but he's not wild about making HHS, which already oversees some \$1 trillion in spending, even bigger.

"I'll need to see the logic behind why it makes sense to make an even larger agency out of one that's got its issues already," Conaway said.

"My normal bias is that making monster agencies even bigger is maybe not the best thing to do," he added.

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**Reversal of fortune: Big Obamacare rate hike causing political headaches for Republicans**[Back](#)

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Obamacare premiums are once again poised to spike by double digits in 2019, causing heartburn for politicians as voters will head to the polls within days of learning about the looming hit to their pocketbooks.

But unlike recent campaign cycles, when Republicans capitalized on Obamacare sticker shock to help propel them to complete control of Congress and the White House, they're now likely to be the ones feeling the wrath of voters.

That's because Republicans are now in total control of the federal government and therefore on the hook for the health care system's chronic shortcomings. Polling data has consistently suggested that more voters will blame Republicans for future problems with Obamacare. In addition, the GOP's repeated failures to repeal Obamacare after eight years of campaign promises will make it difficult to galvanize the base on health care.

Democrats and their allies have been hammering President Donald Trump and congressional Republicans for "sabotaging" the health care markets and driving up premiums. Protect Our Care has been running digital ads in 13 states featuring news coverage of big rate hikes and concluding with a sound bite from Trump: "Let Obamacare implode."

They hope that message will stick with voters come November.

"The political implications go only as far as people understand that they are a direct consequence of the administration's actions," said Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-Calif.), a medical doctor who sits on a key committee that oversees health care. "If they realize that, then they will be very, very upset with them."

In particular, Democrats blame Republicans for eliminating the mandate penalty for failing to obtain health insurance, which was designed to be a cudgel to compel people who might otherwise go uninsured to buy coverage. They also point to the Trump administration's efforts to make it easier to buy skinnier, cheaper plans that don't meet the Affordable Care Act's coverage requirements and patient protections as an exacerbating factor.

"Once they fractured the mandate, that changed the insurance pool," said Rep. Richard Neal (D-Mass.), the ranking member on the Ways and Means Committee. "Insurance is based upon shared risk, meaning fewer people contributing, the premiums escalate."

Republicans scoff at the notion that they're to blame for Obamacare's failings. They point out that big rate hikes were a chronic condition of the exchange markets long before they took full control of the government.

"The Affordable Care Act has been a total failure," said Rep. Buddy Carter (R-Ga.), a pharmacist who serves on one of the key House committees dealing with health care. "It's been a train wreck since day one. What we're trying to do is to fix it."

Republicans further argue that Democrats sabotaged a bipartisan effort to pass legislation designed to stabilize the markets and reduce rate hikes. They contend that Democratic concerns over abortion language that ultimately derailed the deal were a smokescreen.

"They are the reason why we didn't pass the legislation that would have solved the issue," said Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-La.), who has been closely involved in efforts to come up with a Republican plan to replace the ACA. "I can only guess that it's politics."

Democrats counter that the GOP added the abortion restrictions knowing that would be the deal-breaker.

Insurance experts generally agree that the rate hikes will be more severe because of actions taken by the Republican-led Congress and the Trump administration.

"If it hadn't been for the individual mandate being repealed, and the threat of short-term and other loosely regulated plans proliferating, I think we would have seen single digit premiums increases," said Cynthia Cox, an insurance expert at the Kaiser Family Foundation. "Insurers are performing much better on the exchange markets than they had in the early years."

However, that strong financial performance of the markets is also complicating Democratic talking points about sabotage. In many states, competition is increasing as insurers see opportunities to move into markets with little competition. Most notably, Oscar Health — the tech-friendly start-up that's lost hundreds of millions in the Obamacare markets — is entering or expanding its footprint in nine states.

That's a stark contrast from last summer, when dozens of counties across the country were at risk of having no competing insurers due to market exits.

But double-digit premium increases are still likely in many states, as evidenced by the rate filings that have been trickling out in recent weeks. Premiums for the most popular Obamacare plans are going up by 15 percent on average — about \$100 per month — according to an analysis of rate filings in 10 states by Avalere Health. While rates won't be finalized until the fall, it's already clear that there will be wide discrepancies across the country that could affect the political salience of the issue.

Insurers in Maryland want to raise rates on the most popular plans by an eye-popping 53 percent, while New York insurers are seeking average premium increases of 24 percent. By contrast, insurers in Pennsylvania only want to raise premiums by 5 percent on average. All four insurers selling Obamacare plans in Minnesota want to decrease premiums.

One big factor affecting the severity of the rate hikes is how insurers account for the removal of the individual mandate. The Congressional Budget Office has projected it will increase premiums by 10 percent, mainly because fewer healthy people will opt to enroll, but Republicans have scoffed at that as an unrealistic assessment of the mandate's significance.

"It's really kind of a crap shoot for the actuaries to say well it is or it isn't going to have an effect," said John Baackes, CEO of L.A. Care Health Plan, which has 70,000 Obamacare customers. "We will make a decision with our gut."

Highmark Health, which sells Obamacare plans in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Delaware, plans to raise premiums by 5 percent next year to account for the repeal of the mandate. The



insurer made money on its Obamacare customers last year after piling up big losses on that book of business in prior years.

"The rates are catching up to the risks," said David Holmberg, Highmark Health's CEO. "Every time you change the rules you disrupt that."

The other major wild card is the Trump administration's efforts to increase the availability of cheaper plans that don't meet the ACA's coverage requirements. On Tuesday, the Labor Department finalized rules making it easier for small businesses and self-employed workers to band together to purchase association health plans. Still in the pipeline are regulations that will expand the availability of short-term plans.

What it all comes down to for insurers is trying to gauge how many people will drop coverage entirely or seek options outside of the Obamacare markets due to the changes, said Jim Whisler, who leads Deloitte Consulting's health actuarial practice.

"That's the real wild card," Whisler said. "It really dramatically increases the range of reasonable assumptions."

Republicans are unimpressed by assertions that insurers will be forced to raise rates because of changes they've made to Obamacare.

"Insurers are going to cite anything as factors to increase their premiums," said Carter. "I can assure you that this is a direct result of the Affordable Care Act."

Democrats note that Republicans are hoping to at least partially insulate themselves from health care attacks by passing a barrage of bills designed to address the opioid crisis. But Ruiz points out that many individuals who enter rehab to treat opioid addiction are enrolled in Medicaid, which Republicans sought to dramatically scale back as part of their Obamacare repeal efforts.

"You realize that this is a small step forward, but ten steps back if they get their way," Ruiz said.

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**EU health commissioner hits Trump for 'fake news' on foreign drug prices**[Back](#)

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President Donald Trump's position that Europe is freeloading on American pharma innovation by buying drugs at low prices is "absolutely fake news," European Commissioner for Health Vytenis Andriukaitis said.

Medicines are cheaper in Europe than the U.S. because governments negotiate or regulate drug prices for their entire health system, Andriukaitis told Science Business. These negotiations are mainly done between individual health insurers and drugmakers in the U.S.

Andriukaitis called Trump's analysis that the EU and other countries around the world are taking advantage of the U.S. as "a simplification of understanding," according to Science Business.

He queried how to separate individual drug development investments of multinational pharmaceutical companies that "cover continents". Many U.S. companies are involved in a public-private partnership with the European Commission in Europe, in which Brussels puts €1.6 billion.






The health commissioner called for more cooperation between countries to get drugs for diseases such as tuberculosis and malaria at "socially acceptable prices."

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